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SUBJECT: USIC SARAJEVO

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1. PAO VISITED SARAJEVO YESTERDAY AT REQUEST REPUBLIC SECINFO AND MAYOR'S OFFICE TO INSPECT WHAT PROVED TO BE BEST SITE OFFERED SO FAR. LOCATION IS IDEAL; ON MAIN STREET ACROSS FROM SKENDERIJA, CLOSE TO UNIVERSITY RECTOR'S OFFICE, AS WELL AS MAYOR AND SECINFO.

2. PROPERTY BELONGS TO PUBLISHING HOUSE "ZADRUGAR", WHICH PUTS OUT NUMBER OF PUBLICATION PROMOTING TOURISM AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA. ZADRUGAR FILM AND PHOTO CLUB ADJACENT TO PROPOSED USIC SPACE, NOW CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISTRIBUTION FOREIGN FILMS IN REPUBLIC AND HAS SUBSTANTIAL COLLECTION USIS FILMS. MANAGEMENT STATES ITS DESIRE FOR MORE ACTIVE COOPERATION WITH USIS ON FILMS AND OTHER INFORMATION ACTIVITY.

3. GROUND FLOOR SPACE TOTALS 85 M2 AND HAS LARGE DOUBLE DISPLAY WINDOW ON MAIN STREET AND TWO SIMILAR WINDOWS ON SIDE STREET. HIGH CEILING (4.20M) WOULD PERMIT MEXXANINE AS IN USIC SKOPJE. BASEMENT SPACE UP TO 212 M2 AVAILABLE WITH SUNKEN WINDOWS, WHICH INADEQUATE FOR NATURAL LIGHTING.

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VENTILATION SYSTEM ALSO REQUIRED. BUILDING CURRENTLY HAS

CENTRAL HEATING WITH HOT WATER RADIATORS.

4. LETTER STATING INTEREST IN POSSIBLE RENTAL AND SOLICITING
BID ON REFURBISHING AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS BEING SENT ZADRUGAR,
WHICH HAS DONE VERY COMPETENT JOB ON FILM CLUB AND TOURIST-
ORIENTED RESTAURANT.

5. BELIEVE SITE EXCELLENT ONE FOR USIC AND SHOULD BE OBTAINED
IF POSSIBLE. COST FACTOR UNKNOWN PENDING REPLY TO LETTER.
HOWEVER, SOMETHING OF ATMOSPHERE OF TURKISH BAZAAR
DOMINATED DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR OF ZADRUGAR AND
PROBABILITY IS THAT AT LEAST INITIAL PRICE ON THIS EXCELLENT
SITE WILL BE HIGH.

6. FORWARDING BUILDING DRAWINGS AND PLAN SARAJEVO
PINPOINTING LOCATION.
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